

DEFINITIONS

Transition in Part C: Three to 9 months before a child's 3rd birthday, every family will have time with their service coordinator to discuss options for when their child turns 3 years of age and exits TEIS. This is also the time for families to participate in a meeting with their local education agency (LEA) if they are interested in pursuing the possibility of special education services. A meeting with the LEA must take place 90 days before the child's third birthday.

LEA: Local Education Agency
The school system where the child lives.

Our LEA
is:

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT TRANSITION

Q: Do children enter the school system when they leave TEIS at 3 years of age?

A: A child must be eligible for Special Education at age 3 to receive services from their Local Education Agency (LEA). Special Education at age 3 falls under Part B of IDEA.

Q: What is Part B of IDEA?

A: Part B is the section of the Individual's with Disabilities Education Act which

mandates Special Education for eligible children ages 3-21.

Q: Is the eligibility criteria the same for Part B as for Part C?

A: No. Part B has its own eligibility criteria. The LEA representative will discuss this with parents during the transition planning conference.

Q: What if a child is not eligible for Part B?

A: An IFSP meeting is held to discuss possible options within the child's community, such as Head Start, Mother's Day Out, and community based programs.

Q: Is a meeting to discuss a child's transition from Part C (TEIS) required?

A: Parents are highly encouraged to have a transition planning meeting to discuss a smooth and timely move from TEIS. A family may choose not to participate. Their choice will be documented by their service coordinator.

Our
transition
meeting
due by:



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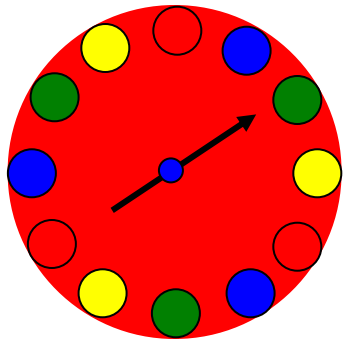
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TRANSITION



Helping children and families
eligible for Tennessee's Early
Intervention System
plan for the future.

Early Intervention is crucial
for providing a good education
to children with special needs.



Parent meets
with Service
Coordinator for
Initial IFSP
meeting.

Transition

Because
children are
no longer
eligible for
TEIS on their
3rd birthday...

...every IFSP
has a
transition goal
to begin
thinking about
the future.

9 months
- 90 days
before
3rd
birthday

Parent gives
written
permission to
schedule
meeting.

Transition Planning Conference

Goal: A
smooth and
timely
transition for
every family.

Parent gives
written
permission to
share
information.



Family, LEA
and Service
Coordinator
attend
meeting.

Eligibility
for Part B
is
determined
by LEA.

IEP Meeting
will be held
if child is
eligible for
Part B
(LEA).

Transition
Conference
with LEA by
90 days
before 3rd
birthday.

IEP:
Individualized
Education Plan

IEP team
must meet
and
develop ...

...the IEP by
child's 3rd
birthday.

Some
children will
receive
services
from LEA at
age 3.

IFSP meeting
is held if child
is not eligible
for Part B
(LEA).



Child is no
longer
eligible for
TEIS at
age 3. Exit
from Part C.